

ALABAMA STATE–COMMUNITY RECOVERY TASK FORCES

Community Planning and Capacity Building

Meeting Notes

November 10, 2011

ATTENDEES

NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION	NAME	AGENCY & INFORMATION
Rocky Milliman	ADECA	Stephanie Southerland	ADECA
Ken Hollingsworth	ADECA	Corlis Floyd	ADECA
Liz Cochran	ADECA Energy Division	Chris Harmon	ARWA
Chris Cunningham	FEMA, LTCR	Karen Clifton	ADECA Energy Division
Allen Bowen	USDA – RD		
Via telephone:			
Bonnie Durham	ARC	Virginia Morgan	ACES
Russ Black	Senior Services		

AGENDA ITEMS

Introductions

- Rocky Milliman, Coordinator of the State’s newly created Long Term Community Recovery Office introduced himself and the two other staff members of the LTCR office---Stephanie Southerland , Community Liaison Officer and Corlis Floyd, Office Manager.
- Governor Bentley has committed to two additional state appointed LTCR staff members and Bob Haywood of FEMA will staff the LTCR office with six to eight FEMA liaisons to assist with the implementation phase of the long term community recovery process.
- Future meetings will be held within a 1 hour time frame.

Review of Action Items from October 13 and September 29 meetings

Update ARC “Resource Road Show”

- ARC will sponsor a “Resource Road Show” on December 5 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the Capstone Hotel. The content will be tailored to provide useful and relevant information for the communities affected by the tornadoes.
- Grant writing courses will be offered at the road show.
- More information is accessible at www.arc.gov/ardi.

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Discussion of Leadership Training

- Ken Hollingsworth of ADECA has agreed to conduct a grant writing workshop sometime in January 2012 for the communities affected by the April tornadoes. Further details will be forthcoming.
- Task force members were asked to let the LTCR office know of specific training or resources their organization might be able to provide to assist the affected communities with their needs beginning in January.
- Bonnie Durham of Alabama's ARC program stated that it might be a good idea to include Delta, but that only three counties in Appalachian are included in Delta and they are Hale, Macon and Pickens.

Expert Night Topics

- Additional topics are still needed.

Energy Codes Update:

- Karen Clifton of ADECA's Energy Division works with the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board.
- The Board met on Monday, November 7, 2011.
- The Board voted to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code for Commercial Buildings and the 2009 International Residential Code including the energy chapter for residential construction.

Amendments to the energy chapter include:

- Deleting the section for Protection of exposed foundation insulation.
- Adding a section stating that above code programs must be approved by the board.
- Making the certificate stating the insulation R-values, U-factors and SHGC for fenestration voluntary instead of mandatory.
- Substituting the Insulation and Fenestration Requirements from the 2009 IECC which are slightly more stringent.
- The section for slab-on-grade floor insulation was deleted.
- The requirement for programmable thermostats was deleted.
- The requirement for R-8 duct insulation was delayed until July 1, 2013.
- Duct Leakage testing is not required until July 1, 2013.

Residential Building Codes

The AERC Board voted to adopt the 2009 International Residential Code with the following amendments:

- The length of dryer exhaust ducts was changed to 35 feet.
- For HVAC duct leakage the following was added: All metal to metal connections shall be mechanically fastened. All duct connections shall be sealed.
- A new section on Duct Leakage was added.
- A change was made to Piping Support to include equipment as well as appliances.

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Electrical installations in compliance with the 2008 National Electrical Code® (NEC®) (National Fire Protection Association [NFPA 70-2008]) or later editions shall be permitted.

Other Training Opportunities:

- Ken Hollingsworth informed everyone of an excellent website for resources. It's <http://beelocal.thebeehive.org>. In addition WDD is involved in various programs and projects, i.e., Connect 211, development of financial education training, development of a statewide Supportive Services System, grant writing workshops, etc.
- RPCs offer free grant writing services. Five of the RPCs have received planning grants from EDA specifically for disaster planning implementation.
- 11 Alabama Energy Code Ambassadors are available through April 30, 2012, to travel and provide training to assist jurisdictions in implementing the currently adopted energy codes.
- Ed Castille with AIDT offers the development of work force investment type strategic plans. Counties needing this type of assistance simply need to write a letter to Ed Castille requesting AIDT's assistance.
- Chris Harmon with Alabama Rural Water offered their assistance to all communities in the disaster areas that might have water and sewer utility needs.

VISTA Update

- No update available

Transition to Recovery Office

- Communication is the largest hurdle we have to jump in getting information flowing in and out and to and from the communities and citizens affected by the April 27 tornadoes. One of the major focuses of the LTCR office will be to make sure we bridge the gap in communication from the task forces, committees, and FEMA to the mayors, other elected officials and citizens in the ongoing response and recovery process.
- LTCR will strive to ensure that the community is backing the plans and that the elected officials are pushing the recovery plans.
- Provide LTCR office with anyone you know of who has been involved in the planning side of the recovery effort so we can be sure they are kept up-to-date and involved in the implementation side of recovery.
- Hope to provide each community with all the tools this group has to offer them in their toolbox should they choose to use any or all of them. FEMA does not provide a list of state grant programs in the plans they develop, only federal and private, so this is an area where the task force and LTCR office can reach out to each community and provide local grant program information.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- FEMA will release the formal recovery plans for each town, city and county affected by the April 27 tornado outbreak to the LTCR office on or before November 17, 2011.
- Once the plans are reviewed by LTCR staff, they will be forwarded to task force members for review.

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- Each organization represented on the task force is asked to attend the next meeting and provide details and information as to what their organization can commit to do to assist with the implementation phase of the recovery effort.